We want Brookstone students to be avid, life-long lovers of reading, and we work hard during the school year to build a culture that celebrates reading, being read to, and talking about books. We could not do this without your support of reading at home throughout the year, and summer is the perfect time to grow the joy, the magic, and the love of reading!

Reading together and talking about books builds a sense of community, a bond that supports all of the work we do together. This summer, we invite our parents to join our reading community with our 2nd and 3rd Grade common summer read. In *The Undefeated*, New York Times best-selling and multiple award winning author, Kwame Alexander, and two-time Caldecott Medal illustrator honoree, Kadir Nelson, create a powerful ode to black American triumph and tribulation.

**Winner of the 2020 Caldecott Medal**
**A 2020 Newbery Honor Book**
**Winner of the 2020 Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award**

Originally performed for ESPN’s *The Undefeated*, this poem is a love letter to black life in the United States. It highlights the unspeakable trauma of slavery, the faith and fire of the civil rights movement, and the grit, passion, and perseverance of some of the world’s greatest heroes. The text is also peppered with references to the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks, and others, offering deeper insights into the accomplishments of the past, while bringing stark attention to the endurance and spirit of those surviving and thriving in the present.

Our 2nd Grade teachers have also chosen a few of their favorite books for you to read and enjoy with your children. We hope you will travel to new places and make new friends as you read these stories. We hope these are just the beginning of your summer reading. Of course, it is also important for your child to read independently each day, so we’ve included links to more lists of great reads for your child to enjoy!

*Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing* by Judy Bloom -- Two is a crowd when Peter and his little brother, Fudge, are in the same room--until mom and dad come home and the house grows too small for all of them.到底...
adorable, but Peter and his pet turtle, Dribble, know the truth. From throwing temper tantrums to smearing mashed potatoes on the wall, Fudge causes mischief wherever he goes!

**Stuart Little** by E. B. White-- Stuart Little is no ordinary mouse. Born to a family of humans, he lives in New York City with his parents, his older brother George, and Snowbell the cat. Though he's shy and thoughtful, he's also a true lover of adventure.

**Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane** by Kate DiCamillo-- Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: He was owned by a girl named Abilene, who treated him with the utmost care and adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost.

**George’s Marvelous Medicine** by Roald Dahl-- George is alone in the house with Grandma. The most horrid, grizzly old grunion of a grandma ever. She needs something stronger than her usual medicine to cure her grouchiness. A special grandma medicine, a remedy for *everything*. And George knows just what to put into it.

**Beezus and Ramona** (or another from this series) by Beverly Cleary-- Having a little sister like four-year-old Ramona isn't always easy for Beezus Quimby. With a wild imagination, disregard for order, and an appetite for chaos, Ramona makes it hard for Beezus to be the responsible older sister she knows she ought to be...especially when Ramona threatens to ruin Beezus's birthday party.

**Additional Resources for Children’s Literature**

This list of Award Winning books is by no means exhaustive or complete, but merely suggestions that children may find enjoyable and of the appropriate level.

**Great Independent Reads for Rising 2nd Grade Students:**

**Caldecott Award Winners and Honor Books:**
http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/caldecottmedal/caldecottmedal

**Newbery Award Winners and Honor Books:**
http://www.ala.org/alsc/awardsgrants/bookmedia/newberymedal/newberymedal

**Coretta Scott King Award Winners:**

**Georgia Children's Book Award:**

**Nonfiction Book Lists:**

**Online Books:**
Epic Books for Kids-- [https://www.getepic.com](https://www.getepic.com)

**Books for Girls:**

**Books for Boys:**
- [https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2013/06/books-like-percy-jackson/](https://www.pragmaticmom.com/2013/06/books-like-percy-jackson/)

**James Patterson’s Read, Kiddo, Read:** [http://www.readkiddoread.com](http://www.readkiddoread.com)

**Children’s Magazines:**
- COBBLESTONE
- ODYSSEY
- FACES
- MUSE
- CRICKET
- RANGER RICK
- BRAINSPACE
- DIG INTO HISTORY
- NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC
- KID’S AMERICAN GIRL

**Online Magazines for Kids:**
- [https://www.sikids.com](https://www.sikids.com)